

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A data editing apparatus comprising:  
a storage section, including: (i) a first ~~storage area~~  
~~folder~~ to store audio data and image data that is linked to a  
~~predetermined~~ playback position of the audio data, and (ii) a  
5 second ~~storage area~~ folder to store only image data and no audio  
data;

link release means for canceling [[a]] the link between  
~~arbitrary~~ the audio data and the image data linked therewith  
which are stored in the first ~~storage area~~ folder; and

10 moving means for moving the image data, from which the link  
is canceled, from the first ~~storage area~~ folder to the second  
~~storage area~~ folder when the link is canceled by the link release  
means, such that the image data from which the link is canceled  
is no longer stored in the first ~~storage area~~ folder.

2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1,  
further comprising:

inhibiting means for inhibiting the movement of the image  
data, from which the link is canceled, if the same image data as  
5 the image data to be moved is already stored in the second  
~~storage area~~ folder.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to  
claim 1, wherein when canceling the link information, the link  
release means rewrites header information of the audio data and  
rewrites header information of the image data to cancel the link  
between the audio data and the image data.  
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4. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium  
having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable  
by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image  
data linked to a predetermined playback position of the audio  
5 data, wherein the audio data and the image data linked thereto  
are stored in a first ~~storage area~~ folder in a memory of the  
computer, the program being executable by the computer to cause  
the computer to execute functions comprising:  
canceling [[a]] the link between ~~arbitrary~~ the audio data

10 and the corresponding image data stored in the first ~~storage area~~  
folder; and

moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from  
the first ~~storage area~~ folder to a second ~~storage area~~ folder in  
the memory of the computer when the link is canceled, such that  
15 the image data from which the link is canceled is no longer  
stored in the first ~~storage area~~ folder;

wherein only image data, and no audio data, is stored in the  
second ~~storage area~~ folder.

5. (Previously Presented) The data editing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

audio data selecting means for selecting a target audio data to be subjected to link addition in an audio data list display area;

means for selecting image data to be linked with the selected audio data from among the image data stored in the second folder;

means for linking the selected audio data with the selected image data and copying the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder; and

means for, after the copying of the linked selected audio data and selected image data to the first folder, deleting the selected image data from the second folder.

6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claims 1, further comprising:

display means for displaying an editing window that includes a first display area for displaying a list of audio data stored in the first ~~storage area~~ folder such that the audio data is selectable, a second display area for displaying a list of image data stored in the second ~~storage area~~ folder, and a third display area for displaying a list of image data that is linked

to audio data that has been selected from the list of audio data  
10 displayed in the first display area,

wherein the link release means cancels the link between the  
~~arbitrary~~ audio data and the image data linked therewith which  
are stored in the first ~~storage area~~ folder, in response to an  
operation on the editing window.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium  
having a data editing program stored thereon which is executable  
by a computer to cause the computer to edit audio data and image  
data linked to a ~~predetermined~~ playback position of the audio  
5 data, the program being executable by the computer to cause the  
computer to execute functions comprising:

displaying on a display of the computer an editing window  
that includes: (i) a first display area for displaying a list of  
audio data that is stored in a first ~~storage area~~ folder in a  
10 memory of the computer, such that the audio data is selectable,  
(ii) a second display area for displaying a list of image data  
that is not linked to the audio data, the image data that is not  
linked to the audio data being stored in a second ~~storage area~~  
folder in the memory that is different from the first ~~storage~~  
15 ~~area~~ folder, and (iii) a third display area for displaying a list  
of image data that is linked to audio data that has been selected  
from the list of audio data displayed in the first display area,

the image data that is linked to the audio data being stored in  
the first ~~storage area~~ folder;

20        canceling [[a]] the link between ~~arbitrary~~ the audio data  
and the corresponding image data stored in the first ~~storage area~~  
folder, in response to an operation on the editing window; and  
moving the image data, from which the link is canceled, from  
the first ~~storage area~~ folder to the second ~~storage area~~ folder  
when the link is canceled.